

SPECIAL POINTS
OF INTEREST:

- **Planning Commission Tonight at 7pm**
- **Downtown Task Force Meeting this Thursday, 2/27 at 5:30 pm**
- **HB Reads this Thursday, 2/27 at 7pm at the Library**

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City Manager's Report

FEBRUARY 25, 2014

Art for Lunch this Thursday, Feb. 27

Huntington Beach Art Center

The public is invited to join us for **Art for Lunch** this Thursday, February 27 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Bring a brown bag lunch and a few friends to dine in the galleries surrounded by the exciting and diverse exhibition, **Centered on the Center**. Desserts and beverages will be provided by the HB Art Center Foundation. This year the Art Center welcomed over 259 artists to the annual exhibition which features 443 works of art. The exhibit is open through March 22. Call 714-374-1650 for details.



Centered on the Center 2014

Volunteer Safety Inspectors Needed



Volunteer Safety Inspectors are needed for Project SHIP, Senior Home Inspection Program. Trained safety inspectors assist senior citizens to make their home a safer place to live. The next Training Academy will be held **Saturday, March 15 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

Inspectors educate senior residents on how to eliminate fire hazards, plan an emergency escape, and other prevention tips. They also install smoke detectors, carbon monoxide detectors, and replace batteries in detectors. Project SHIP is a partnership between the Huntington Beach Fire Department and Senior Services. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer inspector, contact Teri Simonis, Volunteer Services Coordinator, 714-374-1544.

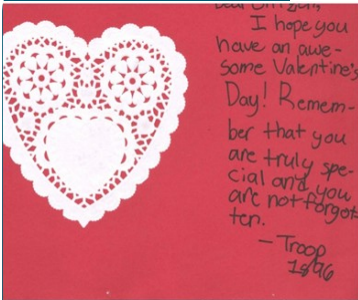
Community Services

Valentine's Day Event

The Rodgers Seniors Center hosted several holiday themed events for Valentine's Day including a special lunch-

eon and a sweet heart dance. Several Girl Scout troops helped to sweeten the festivities for the seniors by providing treats and companionship. The girls from troop 1896 made Valentine cards with handwritten messages one of which read, "Dear Citizen, I hope you have an awesome Valentine's Day. Remember that you are truly special and are not forgotten" and were deliv-

ered with our Meals to the Home program. In addition the girls from troop 2345 delivered lollipop Valentines that were given out to seniors who attended the Valentines luncheon and dance. The troop even got a chance to line dance and trade some boot, scoot and boogie secrets with the line dance class. Everybody truly enjoyed themselves.



AARP Smart Driver Course March 1 and 8

Come participate in the AARP Smart Driver Course on March 1 and 8 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Michel E. Rodgers Seniors Center and find out how your driving skills and knowledge measure up. The course includes discussions for people who are having driving problems, how to assess your own driving

skills, having someone else assess your skills as well as when older drivers should give up their licenses and how to find alternate transportation. The class is composed of 8 hours over two days. By taking the course Californians age 55 and older can qualify for a three year discount on car insurance with addi-

tional extensions if they take refresher courses later. The class is primarily for individuals who are 50+ but anybody is welcome to attend. Cost is \$15.00 for AARP members and \$20.00 for non members. For more information or to sign up call the Rodgers Seniors' Center at 714-536-9387.

Arena Soccer Sign Ups

The City of Huntington Beach Community Services Department offers year round adult arena soccer leagues at the award winning Central Park Sports Complex. Games will be played on artificial sports turf under the lights beginning the week of March 31, 2014. Team registration costs are \$400 per 8-week season plus referee fees of \$20 per game, which are paid directly to the official by each team. League play will be 6 v 6 including the goalie. Men's leagues are offered on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday and Coed on Thursday and Friday. All teams must have uniforms with numbers. Registration packets are available at City Hall or on the City's website. For league information or to be placed on the individual players list, please call 714-536-5486. The deadline to turn in team registration to City Hall is March 24, 2014.

**Parks
Make
Life
Better!**

Therapeutic Riding Center Derby Day

Save the date - **May 3, 2014**, for our 6th annual Derby Day fundraiser at the Therapeutic Riding Center of Huntington Beach. Enjoy a fun day of riding demonstrations, Answered Prayer Ranch Clydesdales, food, mint juleps, children's activities, silent and live auction, music and more! For information, email www.trchb.org.

Fire Dept. Update Fireplaces and Chimneys

Now that the heating season is upon us, inspect your chimney for any damage. Chimneys should be checked frequently for creosote deposits, soot build-up, or physical damage. This involves a simple visual examination, but it should be done as often as twice-a-month

during heavy use. If you see heavy creosote buildup, suspect a problem, or have had a chimney fire, a qualified chimney repairman or chimney "sweep" should perform a complete safety inspection. For more fireplace safety tips, visit <http://www.nfpa.org/>.



Office of Business Development

Downtown Task Force: Next Meeting Feb. 27

The next meeting of the Downtown Task Force will take place on Thursday, February 27, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Main Street Branch Library, located at 525 Main Street. Agendas and minutes for Downtown Task Force Meetings may be found here: http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/government/boards_commissions/downtown_task_force.cfm

"Huntington Beach had the best example of crisis communications. Their finely focused campaign had one objective - save Huntington's iconic fire pit. An effective slogan helped drive amazing coverage and they rose up to save a California icon," —

Caroline Beteta,
CEO of Visit
California.

"Visit HB" Wins Award

"Visit Huntington Beach" was awarded the prestigious Poppy Award at the 2014 Visit California Outlook Forum for their public relations campaign to save the Southern California beach bonfire rings.

The Visit California Poppy Award honors industry leaders for the best in California's tourism marketing and promotion. Visit California received a record number of entries this year with 400 industry leaders and marketing professionals in attendance at the February 6

event in Pasadena.

Visit Huntington Beach, along with the rest of Orange and Los Angeles County beaches, faced a grave threat to one of its most critical assets for attracting regional, national and global tourism: the iconic beach bonfire rings. By creating advocacy materials including the catch phrase, "Keep Your Mitts Off Our Pitts," the team used social media and direct outreach to defeat the

Southern California Air Quality Management District's ban proposal. Along the way, they enlisted the help of major community leaders and even landed the front page of the New York Times among other substantial coverage totaling over \$1,500,000 in earned media. In turn, the Visit Huntington Beach campaign has enabled the fire pits to continue attracting tourists and generating revenue for the local economy.

Library News

HB Reads is showing the documentary, Prom Night in Mississippi on Thursday, February 27 at 7 p.m. to compliment their book of the year, Lessons from Little Rock. A panel discussion will follow. This is a free event, open to the general public and takes place at the Central Library in Meeting Room C&D.

Volunteer @ the Library

No matter the talent or skill there is a spot for everyone as a Huntington Beach Public Library volunteer. From storyteller to book shelving to literacy coach to Gift Shop cashier—to name just a few—there are many ways to give back to the community and make new friends. There's also a teen volunteer program for ages 12-17. To see a complete list of volunteer opportunities at the Library, go to www.hbpl.org and click on "Volunteers" in the left navigation pane, or contact Volunteer Coordinator Monica Miltko at (714) 375-5114.

Snowy Reads @ the Library

With the eastern half of the country getting slammed with snowstorms, might as well join the fray with these wintery reads from the Library:

Fiction:

Snowblind by Christopher Golden.

In Falling Snow: A Novel by Mary-Rose MacColl

The Body in the Snowdrift by Katherine Hall Page

The Boy in the Snow by M. J. McGrath

The Snow Child: A Novel by Eowyn Ivey

Children's books:

Big Snow by Jonathan Bean

Blow, Snow, Blow by Amy Hsu Lin

Charlie's Snow Day by Ree Drummond, *The Pioneer Woman* and Diane deGroat

If it's Snowy and you know it, Clap Your Paws! by Kim Norman



Planning & Building Department News

Permit Issued for New Car Wash

The Building Division recently issued a building permit for a 3,175 square foot car wash and 3,390 square retail shell building located at 7311 Edinger Avenue. "H2GO Express" and retail building are located on the north west corner of Edinger Avenue and Gothard Street. The site was formerly a Coco's restaurant.

Planning Commission

Tonight at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers the following item is scheduled for the Planning Commission public hearing:

APPEAL OF ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S ACTION ON SITE PLAN REVIEW NO. 13-002/ VARIANCE NO. 13-006/ TENTATIVE PARCEL MAP NO. 13-113 (MARRIOTT SPRINGHILL SUITES HOTEL): To consolidate 10 lots into one lot and permit the development of a four-story 126-room hotel

on a 1.89-acre site with variance requests regarding frontage coverage, parking lot location, build-to-corner landscaping, glazing, and driveway width requirements. This request was approved by the Zoning Administrator on January 15, 2014. The project is located at 7872 Edinger Avenue, 92647 (southeast corner of Edinger Avenue and Parkside Lane). Please contact Tess Nguyen, Associate Planner, for more information.

A copy of the agenda is available on the City's website: (<http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/>)

Public Works Department News

Sandbags Available for Residents

Huntington Beach residents may receive up to 20 sandbags from the City of Huntington Beach Corporate Yard at 17371 Gothard Street, between Warner and Slater Avenues. Sandbags are available now, during storms, and whenever significant rainfall is forecast. Regular Yard hours are Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Hours may be extended in

the event of a major storm. Residents must show personal identification, such as a driver's license or photo ID card, a current utility bill or similar proof of residency. Customers are asked to bring their own shovel and fill their own bags, unless they are physically unable. Dry filled bags weigh approximately 20 pounds, wet bags double in weight. Sandbags are for the personal use of Huntington Beach residents only. Elderly and disabled residents may call the HB Fire Dept.

CERT message line, 714-536-5974, to have sandbags delivered by volunteers. Contractors and businesses can purchase sand and bags at most building supply centers and home improvement stores. For more information on proper disposal, please call Public Works Maintenance at 714-960-8861. For information or questions on flood preparedness visit ReadyOC.org.



Water Wise Gardening



Are you tired of mowing your lawn? Are you thinking of changing your landscaping? The Huntington Beach Water Conservation's webpage offers a very informational software tool called Water Wise Gardening at www.surfcitygardening.com.

This software displays gorgeous pictures of California Friendly Landscaping along with information about the plants that will thrive in our lovely Mediterranean climate. Not only will you be saving on water, but you'll free up many of your weekend hours. The Garden Gallery feature displays beautiful pictures of creative landscaping ideas. In the pictures, information about the trees and

plants will help you make selections for your new outdoor living spaces. You'll even be able to save your favorite plant selections! Some local nurseries offer landscape design for a nominal fee. Check with your local nurseries for landscaping offers.

The general tips section gives helpful tips on landscape irrigation. Watering device types are shown, from the standard nozzles, to the rotating nozzle, drip irrigation, and bubblers and their best fit for your landscape. Common irrigation challenges are listed along with their suggested solutions. You can find valuable information about basic watering schedules, which explain what time of day to water, how long to wa-

ter and how often. We also have samples of irrigation schedules and how to properly program your controller.

To help with the costs of transforming your outdoor areas from a water thirsty lawn to relaxing, California Friendly, outdoor living space, the Municipal Water District of Orange County offers rebates of \$1 per square foot of turf removed, up to \$380 for a Smart Irrigation Timer, \$4 for sprinkler nozzles, and more.

For rebates on turf removal, smart irrigation timers, sprinkler nozzles, clothes washers, toilets, soil moisture sensor controllers and rain barrels, go to www.mwdoc.com/rebates.





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Beach Operations	(714) 536-5281
Economic Development	(714) 536-5542
Finance	(714) 536-5630
Business Licenses	(714) 536-5267
Fire Department	(714) 536-5411
Human Resources	(714) 536-5492
Information Services	(714) 536-5515
Library	(714) 842-4481
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Code Enforcement	(714) 375-5155
Police Department	(714) 536-8843
Public Works	(714) 536-5431